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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

**RE: Minnesota Power's Bison 2 Wind Project  
Siting Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for the  
Bison 2 Wind Project, Oliver and Morton counties, North Dakota  
Case No. PU-11-57**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Attached please find the Certificate of Good Standing of ALLETE, Inc. issued on May 13, 2011 by the State of North Dakota Secretary of State in the above-referenced case.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

David R. Moeller

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Enc.

c: Dave Schmitz, Minnesota Power  
Frank Frederickson, Minnesota Power  
Jim Atkinson, Minnesota Power  
Ron Gullicks, Minnesota Power  
Ken Benoit, Minnesota Power

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# *State of North Dakota*

## SECRETARY OF STATE



### CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING OF

ALLETE, INC.

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that ALLETE, INC. , a Minnesota corporation, authorized to transact business in the State of North Dakota on May 29, 1998, and according to the records of this office as of this date, has paid all fees due this office as required by North Dakota statutes governing foreign corporations.

**ACCORDINGLY** the undersigned, as such Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Good Standing to

ALLETE, INC.

Issued: May 13, 2011

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alvin A. Jaeger".

Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State